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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE LEGISLATURE. THE WORK GOES BRAVELY ON

A Strong Plea for the Repeal of the Railroad Purposes.

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To the Honorable the Members of the Legislature of South Carolina:

We farmers, who are land-owners of Abbeville county, do hereby most respectfully petition and pray your honorable body to repeal the law authorizing township subscriptions to railroads, and pray for relief from oppressive taxation already imposed under this law, for reasons following:

1. We ask for its repeal because it gives power to the majority of voters,—principally im-

We ask for its repeal because it gives power to the majority of volers,—principally impecunious negroes, under drill,—to levy a heavy tax upon our property, to be paid over to a private company for their private use in getting gain by carrying goods and passengers.

2. Because the Constitution of the United 2. Recause the Constitution of the United States says: "Private property shall not be taken for public uses without compensation." How much less for private use?

3. Because the Legislature has always made the taking of "right of way" contingent on compensation to owners of the land, but under this law property is scized by the tax collector to grade and equip the same road without comensation.

4. Because of the enormity of the tax. For

4. Because of the enormity of the fax. For a thing we neither want nor need this law level to sas many mills annually, as our whole tax to support the State in its three departments, Legislative, Judicial and Executive, and for all its institutions, industrial, educational, penal and benevolent. Astounding! Is it not? Yet absolutely true! On a 5 per cent worded on property we pay this year 35 mills. Add the other 3 per cent, and the tax is 5-5 mills, while the State tax is 55 mills.

5. Because the practical working of the law is to saddle debt upon the farmers, more than they can bear under the low prices of produce now prevalent. The Jealousies of existing railroad stations and their rivary inaugurate uscless reads, and larmers, like a shuttle cock, are instructed to death between them, in being made to foot the bill for both.

6. Because even the most plausible reasons for the law fade into thin air where a well equipped road is already in existence, and such is the case with Ninetp-Six township and other towaships of our county.

7. Because not 5 per cent of the 120 miles of the Atlantic, Greenville and Western Railway can be run out of hearing of other roads. Therefore uscless.

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S. Because experience proves it to have been made the support and vehicle of gross fraud. For some advocates of the 'Atlantic, Greenville and Western Railway, in their anxiety to build the road with other people's money, have not hesitated to lorge the names of fifteen greatern transport to sull cribe.

The Constantly Recurring Elections Have a Wholesome Effect in Stim-Impartial Discharge of Their CELcial Duty.

Law Authorizing Taxation for THE CHESTER, GREENWOOD AND AB-BEVILLE RAILROAD.

> It Will Certainly be Built, and that Right Away. Atlanta Constitution.

Attenta Constitution.

A representative of the Constitution met General Hoke on yesterday and asked him:

"Will the North Carolina road be built?"

"It will be built as sure as I stand here. The arrangements for building it have been at work quietly for six months perfecting them. It has been necessary to keep out of the papers as the road would have encountered strong opposition if our plans had been known. We said not a word in the papers until it was necessary to publish our application for a charter. It was then too late for our competitors to interfere with our arrangeuntil it was necessary to publish our application for a charter. It was then too late for
our competitors to interfere with our arrangements, and the rood will certainly be built."
"Will matters be pushed forward rapidly?"
"As rapidly as possible. We hope to have
our charter granted by the ninth of December. On that day the Georgia incorporators
will meet in Athens and organize as required
by law. In the meantime two surveying parties are already in the field locating the line.
One party reached the Georgia line last
Wednesday, and another party reached Munro on the same day. Two more parties will
be put in the field to locate the Georgia line at
once. One party will start from Elberton and
go towards the Savannah river, where we will
select at once a point for crossing. The other
party will go from Elberton to Athers. We
shall then locate the line from Athens to Atlants."

shall then locate the line from Athens to Atianta:
"When will you begin building?"
"On the first day possible. We have already
made our contracts for ore and rails. The ore
will come from the Cranbury works in North
Carolina, and will be taken to the Roan fron
works in Chattanooga, where our rails for the
whole line will be made by the Besamer process. These contracts have been arranged.
As the rails will be made in Chattanooga, we
will begin building the road at both ends; that As the fails will be made in Characterist, we will begin building the road at both ends; that is, we will build from Atlanta and from Munro. You can understand that when the money is ready, the plan perfected and the road is needed that the work will be done with overt swiftness?

the Atlantic, Greenville and Western Railway can be run out of hearing of other roads. Therefore useless.

8. Because experience proves it to have been made the support and vehicle of gross fraud. For some advocates of the 'Atlantic, Greenville and Western Railway, in their anxiety to build the read with other people's money, in have not hesitated to lorge the names of filter good and true men, and to sail eribe to good and true men, and to sail eribe to be Commissioners, to order the election on subscription. Affidavits on this are in the possession of the Abbeville delegation.

9. We submit that the law simply empowers A to order out his tenauts and by their votes compel his neighbor B to buy A a carriage and pair of fine horses.

Which is respectfully submitted by MANY LAND-OWNERS OF ABBEVILLE CO.

THE LIFE TENURE OF JUDGES IS FRUITFUL OF ARROGANCE, INDOLENCE AND PARTIALITY.

THE HEGRO AS A WHISKEY VOTER.

mlating Judges to the Proper and The License Election in Spartanburg. Carolina Spartan. Last summer it was evident that the wet Columbia Record.

There are two sides to the question whether it would be wise to establish the life tenure of judges. Much has been said in favor of making the tenure of judges a life tenure, and all the reasons on that side of the question are probably familiar to the public. On the other hand there are some very strong reasons for leaving it as it is, about which very litting if anything has been said of late in the public prints. If a judge who holds office for lie should become until for the position by reason of intemperance, indolence, or any of the other numerous infirmaties which flesh is here to, there would be no way to remove him but by impeachment, while if he had been elected for a number of years only be could shaply the and there would get to the more singuine dry men thought there would be no way to remove him but by impeachment, while if he had been elected for a number of years only be could shaply the and the or a number of years only be could shaply the form a number of years only be could shaply the form a number of years only he could shaply the form a number of years only he could shaply the first work in the color of the white vole them about 125 white votes and the mass of higher wazes and more work converted them and there were in favor of license. The argument of higher wazes and more work converted them and there was a powerful argument with any and the nearly all the nearly all

watched the election closely, gives about the following division as to the white and colored vote:

We's—White 123, colored 252, total 325.
Dry's—White 232, colored 9°, total 322.
The result was announced by R. K. Carson about half after five o'clock and was received with boud cheering by the wets. There were, perhaps, two or three hundred people, mostly colored, from the country who anxlossly watched the election and Joined in the general rejoicing. Many of the colored men and women honestly believe that the reopening of the barrooms will give them more work and better wages. Even negroes that do not drink actually believe that their wages will go up. The property holders among the whites who voled wet declare that the value of property will be enhanced, rents will go up and business will zet on a regular boon, some of our best business men on the street and amongst them are men who will never enter a barroom to drink, believe this. They say that trade which has been going from the Reidville country to Greenville will come back here and that wagons will come from within sight of Union Court House, as in former days. They also say that the city tax will be much reduced by the ilcenses paid by will be much reduced by the ilcenses paid by will be much reduced by the ilcenses paid by will be much reduced by the ilcenses paid by will be much reduced by the ilcenses paid by will be much reduced by the ilcenses paid by will be much reduced by the ilcenses paid by will be much reduced by the ilcenses paid by will be much reduced by the ilcenses paid by will be much reduced by the ilcenses paid by will be much reduced by the ilcenses about the reduced by the ilcenses paid by will be much reduced by the ilcenses about the street of the damped in the newspapers, increasing costs of the court extension of the court expenses were reluced. If this Legislature can pass a law preventing the meddlesome taxpayer from seeing the meddlesome taxpayer from seeing the meddlesome taxpayer from seeing the meddlesome taxpayer from seei

THE COKESBURY COUNTRY.

Life and Animation on the Classic Ground --- Mr. "Ike" Receives a THE LEGISLATURE PROBABLY WILLING Compliment ... A Preacher, Like Mark Twain's Good Little Boy Was Disappointed in What he Was Going to Say.

COKESBURY, Dec. 6.
Miss Lula McFall is visiting her friend Mrs.
A. N. Canaday in Columbia, S. C.
Judge J. Fuller Lyon was in town on Friday. He never leaves his office except on business.

Herndon.

Miss Willie Buchanan left for Spartanburg
on Thursday, where she will spend the winter
with her relatives.

The fold Alken's could form." There is no change in Col. Aiken's condi-

some years ago it was resolved by the Legislature to keep the reports of the State Treasurer's actings and doings out of the newspapers. Less than a year ago the grand jury of Abbeville county secured a court order directing that their presentments should be ed. The Press and Banner truly secured to the press and Banner truly secured to the press and Banner truly secured.

1870 to 1875 and from 1878 to 1875 has exected comment among the people, and we learn that even our Legislators have taken some notice of it, but we have no idea that the revelations which these figures made had anything to do with the proposition to keep the people hereafter in ignorance of the expenses of the county Government.

The proposition to exclude the vulgar penses of the county Government.

The proposition to exclude the vulgar eye of the taxpayer from the actings and deings of their financial agents is an admirable one. It will prevent the newspapers from being able to furnish to the people such facts and figures as may expose extravagance in the use of the public funds. By all means The proposition to exclude the values eye of the taxpayer from the actings and dot ings of their financial agents is an admirable one. It will prevent the newspapers from so being able to furnish to the people such facts and flagress as may expose extravagance in the use of the public funds. By all means keep the accounts of trial justices and constables secret from the people, and then the maxpayers have no business to be looking into Court expenses. Sombody may expose and bring to light the humense profits which some of the public officers are making.

We hope that when the bill relating to the dicting of prisoners comes before the Legislature, that the ayes and mays may be eatied for. The voters of Abbeville county have a perfect right to know which of their representatives will vote for the continuation of a law taxing the people \$10.50 a month for the board of a prisoner, who may be waiting trial or undergoing sentence. The Press and Baner will be very likely to find out if our delegation vote for the continuation of this montrous imposition on the people, many of whose families live on a less cost from one year to another than it takes to feed one prisoner. The voters have a right to know which of their representatives, after having may vote for such willful waste of the people's many, There are respectable will to any state of the people's mainty. The proposes of the people in and the paper printed and the whole of the people in and the propose of the people will be appeared to a perfect right to know which of their representatives, after having may vote for such willful waste of the people's mainty. The proposition of the people in an action of the people's mainty, the people will be people wil

Some two or three weeks ago, the Press an Humer said that the press was a greater edicator than the schoolmaster and the preache combined. The Rev. Dr. W. F. Haifeld D. D., pastor of the Washington St. M. F. church of Poughk epsic, N. Y., In a recensemon to young men on "Our Educators, spoke as follows on the newspaper as an educator; "One of the greatest educators in modern times is the press. The newspaper is the most marvellous development of our civilization. It is afore which yread and far more popular in this country than any book that has ever been profished—the Eibie not excepted. Among the Greeks 2,650 years ago. The Successful Newapaper.

The newapaper of today must stand or solely on its merits. Its circulation and its watter to business as on afvertising median; like the quality of its contents, are practically with the business asson afvertising median; like the quality of its contents, are practically visible to the whole Intelligent reading by the Intelligent and thritty people are its readers or whole for the late works here of flexibility in the Intelligent and thritty people are its readers or whole for the late works here of the Intelligent and thritty people are its readers or whole for the late works here of Intelligent and the Intelligent and Intelligent and

THE COUNTY EXPENSES.

TO STOP EXTRAVAGANT EXPENDI-TURES OF THE COUNTY FUNDS.

The Court Expenses in Abbeville is Attracting Attention, and a Reform May be Affected.

News and Courier.

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Mr. G. W. Jones will occupy the Glass house the control of t

form."

Keowee Courier.

.\$15,509 Abbeville county secured a court order directing that their presentments should be kept from the public eye, unless the printers should publish them at their own cost.

All of this is process.

Taken in connection with the recently published extracts from the reports of the County from inscinces of Abbeville county in Radical times and in Democratic times, the inovement all along the lines may be significant. Without the statements of the different boards of County Commissioners, as published annually in the newspapers, the people would still be ignorant of the constantly increasing costs of the court expenses.

They have been laboring under the de-

> SOME OF THE BRETHREN HAVE PLEAS-ANT WORDS EOR THE "PRESS AND BANNER "

"At the Head of His Vocation." Greenville Enterprise and Mountainter:

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The Abbeville Press and Banner of the 28th ult. was the first newspaper reaching this office containing the Governor's message to the two houses of the General Assembly of this State, and we copied the document from that Journal. The cultor of the paper named received it, he says, on Tuesday afternoon and put it in his issue of Wednesday. This is commendable enterprise, being issued before the daily papers had presented it to their readers. Mr. Wilson stands at the head of his vocation.

"A Wonderful Feat in Country Journalism.

Anderson Journal.

So early called to the perfect rest, From the earthly home and human life, From all pain and suffering oppressed, From earth's warfare and its strife.

Gone from the home where fondest love Would hold her in one long embrace, Gone to the eternal home above, A jewel of redeeming grace,

So early gone, with heavenly peace, With glory's signet on thy brow; And thou hast gained a sweet release; And thou art with thy Saviour now.

Now safe at home! God's better home! Where priceless Joys and fadeless lig Beams from the Saviour's holy throne, And ail is beautiful and bright. B. C. D. A Solid Chunk of Truth.

Associate Reformed Presbyterian. There is a vast deal of religious speculation There is a vast deal of religious speculation that is utterly unprofitable, except as an intellectual discipline. It is a dreaming philosophy. It never touches our daily life or helps as to bear our trials. The mightiest philosopher must, after all bits soaring, come down to the pain, homely consolutions of a religion which speaks to the "common people."

The Sheriff is allowed 35 cents per day for